

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just switch from no to aye for purpose of reconsideration. I move we reconsider the adoption of the motion which was just made. I do it because I wish to speak.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: There is a motion to reconsider, is that correct? Proceed, Senator Warner, on your motion to reconsider. This is on the motion just passed?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes sir.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Proceed Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you Mr. President. I'm sorry, I got here just as Senator Schmit was closing on the original return. I do not think we should do this. As I understand it in the last two or three years the number of probation people has been almost doubled. I think there is 78 now. Two more on top of that is not going to solve a problem, if there is one. Most certainly, the one thing I've observed over the last three or four months is when you have some problems in some agencies the only answer is not more money, more people, more money, more money. Frequently, and particularly in an agency that has had rapid growth, what you really need is to take a couple of years and get their house in order, get their management shaped up. We know there are problems because there are resolutions put in for a study to look at the whole system of probation. Adding two more is a piecemeal approach, and one which I don't believe will be anything constructive resulting from it, even though the motivation may be good. I don't believe it is the way to do it. I would urge the body to reconsider the adoption of adding more people here, and more funds, when we better get a better handle on it than what we had. Let a study go through, then look at the thing next year and perhaps make an effective system, rather than just one of adding money and adding people. I understand in any event that a sizeable number of those on probation are people that deal with... perhaps DWI, this kind of thing. In other words, the sheer number of people that might be clients, you've got to relate that to the kind of cases involved. Personally, it is my opinion that additional funds in this area are not necessary at this time. We'd be ill-advised to do it. Thank you Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You're going back into that Oklahoma talk, and I can't quite understand you.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: We're not supposed to discuss anything on previous question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Okay. Do I see five hands? I do see. All those in favor of ceasing debate say aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Ceasing debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 6 nays.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Debate ceases. Senator Warner, I guess since you were the only one speaking, there isn't anything to close on. So the motion is Senator Warner's reconsideration of our vote on Senator Schmit's motion. Senator Schmit's amendment, which we passed. This is reconsideration. All those in favor of reconsideration vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Warner, for your information, there are four excused, so you know what the situation is. Record the vote.